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For: MARKER FOR SELECTING TRANSFORMANT WITH THE USE OF LETHAL GENE)))

Commissioner for Patents MAIL STOP PCT Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows: